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Dear Sirs

Patents Act 1977: Search Report under Section 17(6)

I enclose two copies of my search report relating to claims 1-49 and a copy of the citations.

This search is in response to the further Patents Form 9/77 filed on 18 December 2000.

Plurality of invention

I consider that your application relates to more than one invention as follows:

- a) the cone and methods of claims 1-49 characterised by the lubrication of the cone surface;
- b) the tubular member, casing and method of claims 50-52 characterised by the annular member;
- c) the methods of claims 53 & 54 characterised by the selection procedure; and
- d) the method of claims 55 & 56 characterised by the injection of a lubricating fluid into the wellbore

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My search report relates to the first invention only. If you want any of the other inventions searched, you should file a separate Patents Form 9/77 for each invention.

Yours faithfully

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Claims searched: 1-49

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Further Search Report under Section 17

Databases searched:

UK Patent Office collections, including GB, EP, WO & US patent specifications, in:

UK Cl (Ed.S): E1F FLA; B3J

Int Cl (Ed.7): E21B; B21D

Other: Online: WPI, EPODOC, JAPIO

Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Identity of document and relevant passage	Relevant to claims
X	GB 1062610 A (Stone Manganese Marine Ltd)	1,2,10,13, 27-35
X	SU 1324722 A (Volkov)	1,2,4,10, 13,14,19, 27-35

X	Document indicating lack of novelty or inventive step	A	Document indicating technological background and/or state of the art.
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